

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Thompson.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Lisa Hall, Clerk; Mark Crawford, Press; Jonathan Nichols, Emergency Medical Services; Dean Bennett, Facility Maintenance Director; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Debbie Nistler, Cooperative Extension Director; and Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sheriff Smith presented Deputy Terrell Williams with an American Police Hall of Fame General Commendation Award for his life-saving assistance with a cardiac case.

Mr. Jim Tatum--Proposed Phosphate Mine:

- Radioactive elements of phosphate mines.
- Asked if the Commission is able to comment on the letter from the Center for Biological Diversity sent several weeks ago. (Chairman Lewis indicated in the negative.)
- Moratorium for the issuance of mining permits.

Ms. Brenda Thornton--Proposed Phosphate Mine:

- Who is the expert that is evaluating the current mining permit? Mr. Sexton advised that no expert has been retained at this point. At the direction of the Board, staff is in the process of publishing a Request for Qualifications.

- Could a workshop be scheduled for more information and expert testimony on the mining project for an avenue of dialogue? Mr. Sexton advised that this Board does not have expert testimony to offer. The pending application impacts the Board's ability to comment on the issue. There will be a public hearing on this application where the public will have an opportunity to come and present expert and/or layperson testimony, if so desired.
- Asked the Commission to deny the current permit on mining and enact a moratorium on phosphate mining until the LDR's and Comp. Plan can be revised.

Bringing Industry and Jobs to the County:

- The Bradford County Development Authority has property designated for an industrial park and there is space available. The County needs to focus on technology, innovation, education and start-ups. Ms. Thornton mentioned available funding sources.

Thomas and David Skinner, Triple S. Plumbing--Variance Meeting

- Thomas Skinner expressed concern about opposition he received at a variance meeting earlier today regarding an application for a Health Department variance for land spread for their business. If they do not receive a variance, they may have to shut down their business. He asked the Commission to consider meeting with Ed Rensberger and Sally Ford.

This incited some discussion.

Mr. Sexton advised that another hearing has been set for October 6th. The Variance Committee has asked Ms. Sally Ford to attend that hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. SHIP DEMO/REPLACEMENT LOAN - FILE #2016-10-S, NOT TO EXCEED \$84,500**
- B. STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BRADFORD COUNTY. GRANT AWARD NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00 (NO COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED.)**
- C. STATE OF FLORIDA E911 RURAL COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 911 SYSTEM. TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTION \$34,685.00 (NO COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED.)**

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to adopt the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.

PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER RIDDICK:

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. (The Distribution List is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Courts.)

INTRODUCTION OF JUSTIN WALKER - BRADFORD COUNTY AG EXTENSION AGENT I, AGRICULTURE (LIVESTOCK) AND NATURAL RESOURCES EMPLOYEE - DEBBIE NISTLER, AG/EXTENSION DIRECTOR.

Ms. Nistler introduced Mr. Justin Walker, as the new County Extension Agent (Livestock and Natural Resources Agent).

Mr. Walker addressed the Commission and gave a brief summary of both his personal and professional life. He will begin as County Agent on October 3.

On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Lewis welcomed Mr. Walker to the County.

ROAD DEDICATION REQUEST - CHAIRMAN EDDIE J. LEWIS

- SE 139TH STREET - DEDICATED TO JOHN TOPLIN

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Road Dedication](#) request as presented.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:

A. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THERESSA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - SUBSTATION 2

Mr. Sexton requested permission to advertise for bids for the construction of Theresa Volunteer Fire Department, Substation-2.

Incited by inquiry of Chairman Lewis, Mr. Sexton advised that the plans include office space for the Tax Collector and the Clerk of Court.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to advertise for bids for the construction of Theresa Volunteer Fire Department Substation-2.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:

- Asked the County to consider office space for the Sheriff's Office when constructing the Theresa VFD Substation.
- Provided an update on the installation of the new radios. Hopefully, within the next or so the County will be live on the statewide system.

Clerk Norman confirmed that the Sheriff's Office was considered in the plans for the Theresa VFD substation.

CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON DEMO/REPLACEMENT FILE 2016-02-S IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600.00 TO CUT DOWN AND REMOVE A DEAD PINE TREE. NEW CONTRACT PRICE - \$75,475.00 - KELLY CANADY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Ms. Canady presented the Change Order for consideration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the Change Order as presented.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

- CareerSource invited him to serve on the Board again. He has submitted his application and is awaiting approval.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Confirmed the Sheriff has office space in the new VFD substation.
 - Expressed his gratitude for the new radios and the improved service they will provide.
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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--EDDIE J. LEWIS:

- Expressed appreciation to all staff for their efforts during Hurricane Matthew.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of _____